

# WORCESTER & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB



# News

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## DIDN'T WE DO WELL!

**WE'RE simply the best at style jumping!** Having won the national championships (again) last year, our Mercian riders showed on May 2 they can do just as well as area teams by coming first and third team in the 2'3" with 1st to 4th individuals as well, then our 2'9" team came third and we had 1st individual in that too.

We also won the 2'3" showjumping and had individual first and 3rd and one of our 2'9" showjumping teams was 5th - sadly the others did not have a team score due to withdrawals and eliminations in teams of three.

But a great day for W&DRC and a great start to this year's Mercian League - full results overleaf.

And at area our eventers also did us proud with our novice team first plus individual 1st and 2nd, our open team fourth with individual 2nd and our novice pairs first and second!

The next major event is area show and style jumping next weekend - where we are fielding nine teams at Malvern. As reigning national champions we're hoping for a win again at area so if you're not riding, do come along and support.

### Events and championships

THE Jan Gilbert Training Day in March, when we hired Gracelands for the day and provided excellent trainers free of charge to all comers, was a massive success thanks to Leanne and her organising team. It also raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support thanks to the generosity of members who donated their booking fee. It was only possible to stage it free due to the club's fundraising - the two major events each year being the Open Show and the Mercian One Day Event.

When you join the club, we ask every member to commit to helping at something for at least half a day a year.

#### *That help is now needed for both events*

The money we raise pays to subsidise training and to ensure those who qualify for the national championships **and have provided at least half a day's help** have their entry fees and stabling subsidised by the club so the expense does not prevent them from going.

If you have not yet volunteered for your stint please contact Sarah Lovatt if you can help on August 21st and Alison Harris if you can help on August 6th or 7th. Those who volunteer first get a better choice of job! And those who do a full day also get free entry to a class at either the open show or a members show.

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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### WELCOME & WEBSITE

*A warm welcome to our new members  
- a record for this time of year - we look forward to getting to know you all.*

Please keep an eye on our new website which has plenty of room for more of your photos. You can pay for things by PayPal, check results, look for competitions and it's updated regularly so is a great way to see what's going on. Mercian and area rules, plus a vaccination checker and a link to our Facebook page are also on there.

*BRC also has an official Facebook page with up to date HQ news and albums from the 2010 championships where members can tag themselves.*



### *Calendar dates 2011*

May 24 - MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE, MOAT FARM 6pm  
May 29 - Area Show & Style Jumping, Malvern  
May 30 - Mercian Showing, Malvern  
June 4&5 - FOH Championships, Aston-Le-Walls  
June 5 - Mercian D2M, Kings Equestrian (Bromyard)  
June 18 - Area Dressage to Music, Home Farm, Cheltenham  
JUNE 21 CLEAR ROUND SJ & XC, LINCOMB  
June 25 - Area ODE - Swalcliffe  
June 26 - Mercian CT, Allens Hill  
June 28 - MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE, MOAT FARM 6pm  
July 03 - Area Novice Dressage & RT, Manor Farm  
July 17 - Mercian Dressage, Gumburn Farm, Worcester  
July 24 - Area Open Dressage, Crown Farm  
July 26 - MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE, MOAT FARM 6pm  
August 4-7 - Horse Trials Championships, Aston-Le-Walls  
AUGUST 7 - WDRC OPEN SHOW, PARK HALL FARM  
August 21 - Mercian ODE, Hilltop (W&DRC)  
August 30 - MEMBERS ONLY DRESSAGE, MOAT FARM 6pm  
Sep 10 - Blenheim RC team eventer challenge  
September 11 - Mercian two-phase, Button Oak  
September 17 - National Championships, Lincoln  
October 8&9 - D2M Championships, Aintree (provisional)  
October TBC - Mercian Quiz (Bromyard RC)  
November TBC - W&DRC Awards Evening and 50th AGM

# RESULTS...RESULTS...RESULTS

## AREA WINTER DRESSAGE - FEBRUARY 12TH

P18 arena 1 - Vicki Hancox 7th, Caroline Archer 10th. P18 arena 2 - Megan Poutney 8th, Becky Symonds 12th  
N24 arena 1 - Sue Webb 13th

## AREA EVENTER CHALLENGE - MARCH 26TH

Novice team 1st (Gina Halford ind 1st, Jess Viney ind 2nd, Vicki Hancox, Leanne Bennett)

Open team 4th (Jess Viney ind 2nd, Caroline Archer, Vicki Hancox, Megan Poutney)

Novice pairs: Vicki Hancox & Gina Halford 1st, Leanne Bennett & Caroline Archer 2nd

## MERCIAN STYLE JUMPING MAY 2ND

2'3" - 1st Worcester Wizards (Lucy Chapman, Nicki Mundy, Liz Willetts, Mel Taylor)

3rd Worcester Willows (Natalie Lindsay, Caroline Archer, Claire Watkins, Sophie Dossell)

1st individual Lucy Chapman, 2nd Nicki Mundy, 3rd Liz Willetts, 4th Natalie Lindsay

2'9" - 3rd Worcester Wanderers (Becky Briggs, Caroline Horsley, Caroline Archer, Gina Halford)

1st individual Becky Briggs

## MERCIAN SHOW-JUMPING MAY 2ND

2'3" - 1st Worcester Wizards (Liz Willetts, Nicki Mundy, Lucy Chapman, Mel Taylor)

1st individual Lucy Chapman, 3rd Liz Willetts

2'9" - 5th W&DRC (Caroline Horsley, Becky Briggs, Caroline Archer, Gina Halford)

## MEMBERS SHOWS - current league leader Heidi Bradshaw

**February 6th** dressage: PC D1 1st Natalie Lindsay, 4th Heidi Bradshaw

BD P18 1st Heidi Bradshaw, 2nd Caroline Archer, 3rd Natalie Lindsay

**March 12th** dressage: BD Intro A 2nd Natalie Lindsay, 5th Ali Tate

BD P14 1st Liz Willetts, 2nd Ali Tate, 3rd Becky Johnson

BD P13 1st Jess Viney, 2nd Heidi Bradshaw, 3rd Heidi Bradshaw, 4th Natalie Lindsay, 5th Sarah Lovatt

BD N21 1st Jess Viney, 2nd Liz Willetts

**April 10th** dressage: BD Intro B 2nd Heidi Bradshaw

BD P14 1st Liz Willetts, 2nd Heidi Bradshaw, 3rd= Claire Watkins and Heidi Bradshaw

BD P10 1st Liz Willetts, 2nd Claire Watkins, 3rd Caroline Horsley, 4th Lynn Biggs

## MERCIAN TEAMS

If you want to know more about Mercian Teams, please contact

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## AREA TEAMS

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## MAY TRAINING DAY

ONCE again Leanne organised a superb day with flatwork, gridwork, style jumping, show-jumping and cross country tuition available to members and guests and a special thank you must go to Becky Symonds who allowed us to use her private manege so we could fit everyone in doing what they wanted.

Bryony Wilson is proving a real hit with members and at this event ran the cross country training.

Tom Webb's gridwork sessions were equally popular and Glen Gibbons and Donn Collins were also kept busy!

Please keep an eye on the website for details of future training.



### A gem from the BD Forum.....

*Dear Mr Hester, kindly lend an ear*

*I've got a hat, I've got a horse, but I think I need more gear  
I need to find some quiet soft hands, the type that work in pairs  
I tried my local tack shop, but all I got were stares  
I'd like an independent seat, the sort that works as one  
The kind that stops me falling off or rocking on my bum  
I asked a friendly trainer, who said they were quite rare  
But I saw the Kur on TV, and they all had one on there*

*Dear Mr Hester, can't you give a clue?*

*I promise not to blurt it out, and will only tell a few  
Where to get some straight leg socks which stop the calves from swinging  
And stop the toes from sticking out (which always looks quite minging)*

*A lovely set of piaffe boots to help my ned to dance  
We tried it once without them, but we never stood a chance  
A horseshoe whizzed right past my ear and shot out of the door  
I got my sports all muddled up, and started yelling "fore"*

*So please Mr Hester, I really need to know*

*Where to get this useful stuff, to help my dressage grow  
Some throughness gloves, engagement spurs, some cadence reins (with bling)*

*A rhythm whip, a half-pass girth, a 'tastic 'lastic thing  
Some shiny boots with sparkles on, to catch the judge's eye  
To make them look the other way (it's always worth a try)  
I'm told that training has its place, but I'm not sure that's much cop  
I tried it once, and realised then, I simply want to SHOP!*

## MASSAGE THERAPY

Equissage therapy: contact Vicki Hancox: 07903 437622.